Lesson Plan Narrative

This lesson stemmed from a writing activity in an ELA textbook that I have been trying out this year. The exercise was to write a speech about a theme. I expanded the assignment to include the creation of a motivational video that further stresses the importance of the chosen theme. Many times photographs , video clips and well-chosen music can inspire or get your point across much better than words alone. Students chose a theme that they thought would help unite our school as there had been some division among grades that was causing strife. They presented their speech to the class and then showed their corresponding video. The tools I ended up choosing were two free online media sites: [www.masher.com](http://www.masher.com) and [www.onetruemedia.com](http://www.onetruemedia.com). I chose these because they allowed students to combine photographs, text, music, and short video clips, and extra effects to persuade their audience.

P.S. Since implementing this lesson I have learned how to use imovie. It is far superior to the web-based applications for this project.